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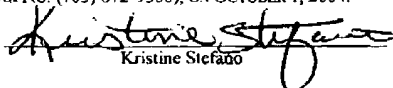
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## AMENDMENT &amp; RESPONSE

## INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This Amendment is responsive to the outstanding Office Action mailed April 2, 2004. A petition and fee for a three-month extension of time is included with this paper, thus, the Amendment & Response is timely filed. A credit card authorization is included for the required fee. In the event that any additional fee is required for entry of this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account 06-0029 and is requested to notify us of the same.

This Amendment & Response includes:

- Amendments to the Specification (page 2 and attached substitute specification)
- Amendments to the Claims (page 3-5)
- Remarks (page 6-8)
- Conclusion (page 9)